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**CC:** Chris Wood  
**Date:** 2/16/2010 10:31 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Skyline Winter Quarters Application

Ingrid,

I looked at our GIS database and the area is classified as mule deer fawning habitat. I hope this answers your question and help you out.

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>>> Ingrid Wieser 2/4/2010 10:50 AM >>>  
Hi Nicole-

I am currently reviewing an amendment application from Skyline Mine to put a ventilation facility in Winter Quarters Canyon. The facility will include about 7 acres of disturbance including a road, pad and a ventilation facility. The proposed disturbance will be located in Township 13 South Range 6 East section 1 in the NW quarter. I have attached a couple wildlife reports which were included in the application. DWR may have visited the site in previous years because the operators have been planning this for years, but I am not aware of it. I wanted to give you the opportunity to review the plan and possibly conduct a site visit if we need to. I am a bit concerned with the reports because they are contradictory. (The Tetrattech report states that there are no calving or fawning areas, and the Western land services report states that there is potential calving areas in the pad site. I need to determine whether or not the operator has proposed an adequate protection and enhancement plan for the site. Currently, there is no protection plan for wildlife, only a plan for protection of the riparian areas. The area is currently damaged from overgrazing (its private land) and noxious weed infestation. So, in short, the current enhancement plan includes reclaiming the area after mining to better conditions. Please let me know if you have any comments or would like to see the site in the spring. I would be happy to come down to Price as well to go over the entire application if you would like. Otherwise, the application is located in our price field office, called the Winter Quarters amendment application, and I have attached two reports. Thanks!

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